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use of "conditional attributes". Nor does Knutson teach or suggest the use of display attributes. The Examiner attention is directed to Figures 13 and 16 of Knutson. The attributes taught by Knutson are "business attributes" (see column 19, lines 16 – 17) for departments, product-type, manufacturer, and size (see column 39, lines 22 – 47).

The Examiner reliance on column 27, lines 39 – 47 of Knutson for the teaching of applicant's claimed display attribute is misplaced. No way does the dropdown combobox of Knutson correspond to applicant's display attribute. Nor does Knutson teach or suggest how a display attribute, as suggested by the Examiner, is changed to at least one conditional attribute. Nothing in Knutson teaches or suggests this change as required by applicant's claimed invention. Again applicant's claimed invention **"...for selecting one of said at least one displayed attribute and causing said one of said at least one displayed attribute to change to respective said at least one conditional attribute"**.

It is noted that the Examiner states that Knutson as modified teaches the changing of conditional attributes to display attributes and vice-versa and cites column 16, lines 38 – 54 as support. First, the cited section of Knutson does not teach or suggest the changing of any type of attribute into another, in as much as using the "attributes" taught in the Knutson patent, again see Figures 13 and 16. Further, Balabine does not teach or suggest applicant's claimed features as stated above.

Nor does Knutson teach or suggest applicant's claimed invention requiring the changing of **"....to cause all conditional attributes to change to displayed attributes and to cause all displayed attributes to changed to conditional attributes."** as taught in applicant's claim 9. In fact, nowhere in Knutson is there a suggestion, either singularly and in combination with Balabine of changing the system templates of Knutson with other templates.

It is still further noted that the Examiner states that Knutson discloses the use of "conditional attributes" in column 6, lines 63 – 66. again, what Knutson teaches in this

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teach the use of attributes, Knutson et al fails to teach or suggest applicants' claimed invention as required in independent claims 1 and 16. Namely, Knutson et al fail to disclose applicant's claimed "...first means, responsive to user interaction with said rendered report, for selecting one of said at least one displayed attribute and causing said one of said at least one displayed attribute to change to respective said at least one conditional attribute" in combination with a "...second means, responsive to user interaction with said at least one rendered conditional attribute, for selecting one of said at least one conditional attribute and causing said one of said at least one conditional attribute to change to respective said at least one displayed attribute.." Balabine et al fails to correct the deficiencies of the Knutson et al patent. Balabine et al fails to disclose applicant's "...first means, responsive to user interaction with said rendered report, for selecting one of said at least one displayed attribute and causing said one of said at least one displayed attribute to change to respective said at least one conditional attribute" in combination with a "...second means, responsive to user interaction with said at least one rendered conditional attribute, for selecting one of said at least one conditional attribute and causing said one of said at least one conditional attribute to change to respective said at least one displayed attribute.." Both Knutson et al and Balabine et al still further fail to disclose applicant's claimed "means, responsive to said at least one conditional and displayed attributes, for generating a subsequent query."

In response to the Examiner's Response to Arguments, applicant offers the following additional remarks. The Examiner states that Knutson discloses, "at least one conditional attribute" and "at least one display attribute". For support, the Examiner relies on the abstract of Knutson. However, what Knutson states in the abstract is "allowing a user to segment and partition a database based upon attributes associated with the data in the database". Knutson fails to specifically state what attributes are used. Applicant's claimed invention is directed to the use of very clear and distinct attributes, namely at least one conditional attribute and at least one display attribute. While the Examiner relies on Column 8, line 65 – column 9, line 9 for the teaching of the conditional attribute, applicant believes that Knutson fails to teach or suggest what is the conditional attribute. The cited column reference is silent on the

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section is the use of system templates and queries for retrieving data from a data warehouse 24. It is further not possible for the use of "manipulating data views" to read on applicants claimed feature of causing conditional attributes to change to a display attribute, as suggested by the Examiner, with reference to column 7, lines 26 - 37. What Knutson is doing is changing from one display template to another display template. This does not correspond to the claim language of applicant's claimed invention.

Therefore, it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine or modify the teachings of the Knutson et al in view of Balabine et al Kobatake to make applicant's claimed invention.

In view of the remarks herein, applicants believe that the application is now condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and allow the above-identified application.

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In the event that this response does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned respectfully requests that be entered to better place the application in condition for appeal.

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